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Extract taken from: Entry certification > Inspection and certification > Vehicle interior > Seats and seat anchorages

## 7-1 Seats and seat anchorages

**IMPORTANT:** any parts that require removal or disassembly in order to carry out the inspection of seat anchorages must be removed. See [Vehicle structure – 3-3 Inspection specifications](#)

A vehicle whose seats or seat anchorages have been damaged beyond the limits specified in [Vehicle structure – 3-4 Threshold for requiring repair certification](#) must be certified by a specialist repair certifier before entry certification.

## Reasons for rejection

### Mandatory equipment

1. A vehicle does not comply with a requirement relating to mandatory equipment set out in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, heavy vehicles](#)

See [Technical bulletin 14](#) for an explanation of the requirements relating to rotating seats.

### Compliance with approved standards

2. A seat or seat anchorage that is required to comply with an approved seat and seat anchorage standard did not comply, or cannot be demonstrated to have complied, with at least one of the standards listed in Table 7-1-1 at the time the vehicle was manufactured.

### Condition, performance and modification

3. A seat or seat anchorage does not comply with a requirement relating to condition, performance or modification set out in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, heavy vehicles](#)

### Note 1

Vehicles that comply with approved frontal impact standards are not required to comply with approved seat and seat anchorage standards. **For the avoidance of doubt, this does not apply to vehicles:**

- that have been issued with a special interest vehicle permit or immigrant's vehicle permit for frontal impact
- vehicles with a gross vehicle mass over 2500kg
- vehicles over 20 years old that do not comply with a frontal impact standard.

**Table 7-1-1. Approved seat and seat anchorage standards\***

UN-ECE Regulation no.	EEC/EC Directive	FMVSS	ADR	Japan
17	74/408 81/577 96/37 2005/39	207	3	Technical standard for seats and seat anchorages  Article 22

\* A seat or seat anchorage that is required to comply with an approved seat and seat anchorage standard must comply with at least one of the standards listed in the table.

## Summary of legislation

### Applicable legislation

- [Land Transport Rule: Seats and Seat Anchorages 2002](#)

### Mandatory equipment

1. Vehicles must comply with the requirements relating to mandatory equipment set out in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, heavy vehicles](#)

### Compliance with approved standards

2. Seats and seat anchorages in the following vehicles must comply with one or more of the approved seat and seat anchorage standards in Table 7-1-1:

- vehicles of class MA, MB, MC and NA manufactured on or after 1 October 2002.

### Condition, performance and modification

3. Seats and seat anchorages must comply with the requirements relating to condition, performance and modification set out in:

- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, general vehicles](#)
- [VIRM: In-service certification, section 7-1, heavy vehicles](#)